

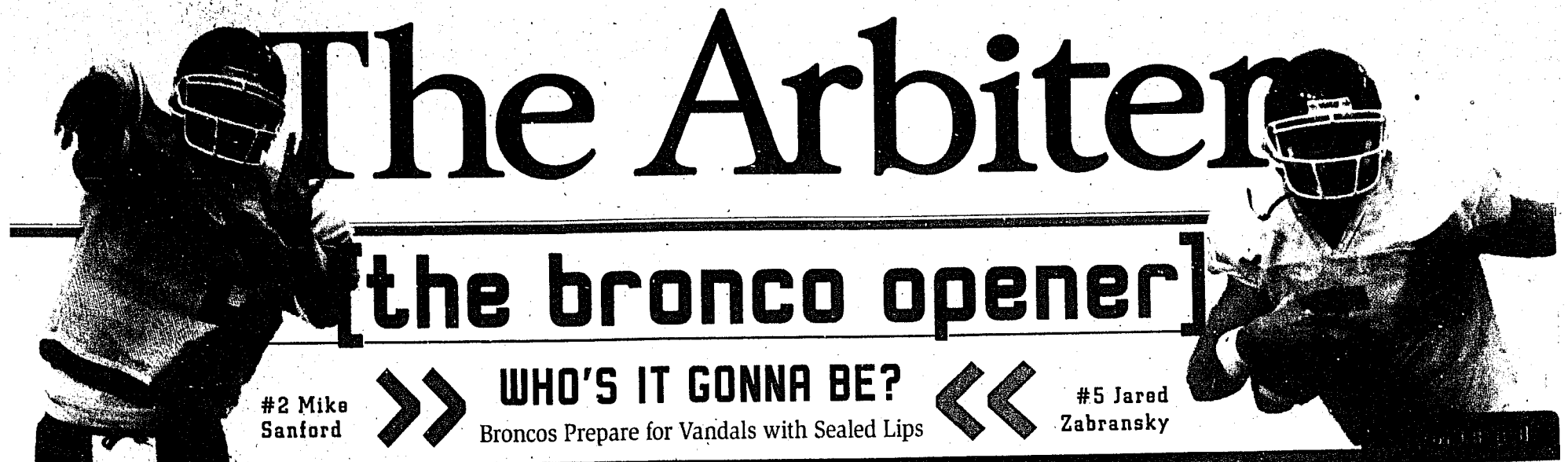
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WHO'S IT GONNA BE?



Broncos Prepare for Vandals with Sealed Lips

# Demand for student housing is less than projected

BY MARY GRACE LUCAS  
News Reporter

Boise State's newest organized mass of bricks and mortar loom tall and imposing over campus, almost as though they could be the official campus ushers, welcoming and settling in a surging student population.

But with more than a year's worth of planning and construction under way (and still counting) only a few facilities are at full capacity.

Around two thousand student-housing spaces are available through BSU, including old and new residence halls as well as off campus apartments. Currently only about 1,400 students are housed by BSU, leaving around 600 beds empty.

"We want them to be full, there's no doubt about it," says Assistant Director of Residential Life, Scott Jensen, about the lack of steady demand for university housing. "People just haven't seen the new facilities."

There are a variety of reasons campus housing isn't full to the

brim. As the fall semester begins, around 150 bed spaces in Towers Hall are being renovated and that

around 100 of the new apartments and dorms are not yet livable due to construction delays said Jensen. This brings the number of available, yet unoccupied beds to around 350.

In addition, economic factors may be part of the problem. Jensen points out the current housing market in the Treasure Valley might be a little too renter-friendly. Renters are quickly turning into buyers.

"The lowest interest rates in our nation's history emptied our apartments," says Jensen. A.M.C. Property Management L.L.C., owner Jennifer Flores concurs.

"The interest rate is so good right now it doesn't make any sense to rent," she says. "The BSU apartments aren't the only ones that are empty." Flores says that new home financing payments can be as low as \$500 per month; an obvious savings over the \$680 monthly note on two bedroom units in the new University Square apartment complex. It's precisely this market pattern that has caused the Student Housing Department to lower prices on certain units and add certain amenities like

free broadband internet, cable television, and parking. Jensen also points out the empty units are available for students to take a quick walk-through. He finds the new housing facilities to be a step up.

On campus, the new Keiser and Taylor residence halls facilities offer more space and privacy to their occupants than do the already established Chaffee, Towers, Morrison and Driscoll Halls. Brand new furniture is also included. Single bedroom spaces as well as four and eight bedroom suites are still up for grabs.

Off campus, the new University Apartments wrap themselves around a small playground built for children of families where one or both parents are students. All units also have a washer and dryer. Currently only three of the two bedrooms units are occupied. The idea is to appeal to the wide variety of students attending BSU, says Jensen. He says the new facilities, self-funded through investment of existing rental revenue, are built to last. For more information, contact the Student Housing Department at 426-3986.

Construction delays and a renter-friendly Treasure Valley leave the new residence halls below expected capacity.

## Old Residence Halls:

Towers, Chaffee, Morrison, and Driscoll

Double Room = \$273.12 per month, but must also pay at least \$222.89 per month for a mandatory meal plan  
Single room \$346.67 per month, but must also pay \$222.89 per month for mandatory meal plan

## New Residence Halls:

Keiser and Taylor  
Single room \$394.67 per month, but must also pay at least \$222.89 per month for mandatory meal plan

## Apartments:

Heights and Manor:

1 bd = \$410 per month

2 bd = \$450 per month

University Park:

2 bd = \$450 per month

3 bd = \$566 per month

University Village:

2 bd = \$575

New University Square:

2 bd = \$680

one bedroom in 4 room suit = \$330 per month

# Campus construction is behind schedule

BY RACHEL PEREZ  
News Reporter

There's nothing like being trapped by orange tape, squishing through mud, dodging large work trucks, or receiving a face full of diesel exhaust as you attempt to pass or enter the Communication Building. The two construction projects currently under way causing all the commotion should be completed by the end of September.

The first project, and perhaps the most disruptive because of the trucks, is the storm water project. Storm water must be treated before it returns to the river to keep pollutants out of the Boise River. It currently mingles with the irrigation water before making its way to the river, untreated.

Irrigation water can run right back into the river without being treated, because it doesn't have solid pollutants like paper and motor oil that are picked up by rain water and carried to the river. Part of this project making two separate lines. The line that carries the rainwater will run through a treatment system called an aqua swirl to separate

pollutants from the water.

The aqua swirl is being installed behind the Albertson's Library. Sediments will be taken out and stored in a place where they will be vacuumed out of the water. This will allow clean water to run back into the river. Construction was on hold for 12 weeks because the aqua swirl itself was delivered late.

The second project is called the Pavilion and Chaffee Hall power loop. The loop will go from Chaffee Hall down through the Pavilion past the tennis courts and to the east side of the communications building.

They have begun pulling wire near the tennis courts and will start digging a hole near the communication building and west of the tennis courts. The power loop will keep campus wide black outs from happening. If one building loses power, the new power loop will keep the lights on in the rest of the buildings.

Dave Cooper, Manager of Architectural and Engineering Services of Facilities Operations and Maintenance department.

"This makes life a lot easier for us and dormitory students won't be inconvenienced as much," said Cooper.

Landscape Repair will fix the scarred earth in front of the communications building, which is now guarded by a plastic orange fence, when construction is wrapped up.

"Typically we would like to get all this stuff done before the students return but realities of construction are that you run into surprises and things are delayed," says Cooper.

There are 108 projects in various stages of early planning for the future. The state is covering the cost of the power loop and aqua swirl with costs of 563,000 combined. Construction is at an all time high because of several new buildings that are in the planning process. These buildings include the Student Health and Wellness Center, the Student Services Center, and the Interactive Learning Center. Most of the building won't be started until next summer.

## BOISE POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FORCE AFTER GAME

Boise Police will increase patrols Saturday after the football game. Citizens are encouraged to celebrate responsibly. Police will be patrolling the neighborhood surrounding BSU, looking for open container violations and underage drinking. Boise Police will broadcast announcements to fans during the game reminding them to drink responsibly.

## Fewer deaths make young people complacent about HIV

BY EMILY RAMSHAW  
The Dallas Morning News  
(KAT)

DALLAS—They learned about condoms in gym class and took Magic Johnson's message from TV commercials and highway billboards.

The slogan "Practice safe sex" was as common as "Buckle up for safety" and "Say 'No' to drugs."

Yet people younger than 25 — who make up just one-third of the U.S. population — account for about 50 percent of all new HIV infections in this country, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Young adults are particularly vulnerable, because they're under the false impression that HIV is a manageable disease, said Adele Webb, executive director of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care.

"They see it as a chronic thing — they think they can take a pill so what's the big deal?" she said. "The only person they know with it is Magic Johnson, and as far as they know he's doing fine."

Most young patients are infected through sex, the CDC reports. Young white gay men continue to make up a significant number of those patients. But blacks are disproportionately affected, accounting for more than half of these new infections.

The median age when an HIV patient is first diagnosed with the disease has fallen steadily — from 35 in 1978 to 25 in 1990, according to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine. Researchers haven't tracked the median age since then. But CDC epidemiologists say the trend persists, and they continue to see younger and younger patients.

For example, last year in Dallas County, Texas, nearly 30 percent of new infections occurred in people ages 13 to 29, according to the county's Health and Human Services Department. But local AIDS specialists say that figure is too low. Closer to 45 percent of their newly infected patients are under 25, they estimate. And most come from poverty-stricken neighborhoods in Dallas.

Raeline Nobles, executive director of AIDS Arms, said young adults are part of the reason Dallas is the No. 1 city in Texas for new infections. "We've talked about AIDS for 20 years now," she said. "But we're still dying out here."

Most people whose infection is diagnosed early and who receive treatment live more than 16 years from the day of infection, according to the CDC. Yet one in four infected people doesn't realize he or she has HIV until it's too late.

Don Maison, president and chief executive officer of AIDS Services of Dallas, said education can do only so much. Young people are always going to experiment.

"It has to do with the mentality you have when you're 18 years old," he said. "You think you're bulletproof. You're healthy; you're vibrant. Those behaviors — you don't think they'll affect you."

And the difference with this generation is that they haven't watched their peers die in the same numbers they did 20 years ago, said Paul Scott, executive director of the Resource Center of Dallas.

"It used to be, you had 10 friends and you were lucky if you had one left at the end of the year," he said. "They're not seeing the death."

## Correction

The bidding process for security on campus was initiated by Stacey Pearson, the Vice President of Finance and Administration. Peg Blake was reached for comment she was the source of this information. It was stated in BPD out bids Sheriffs over BSU contract article that Blake was unavailable for comment, this was a misprint in the August 26 edition of The Arbiter.





## Allawi announces effort to reach out to rebel leaders

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Fed up with the persistent insurgency that's stymied Iraq's postwar progress, interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said Sunday he is reaching out to rebel leaders in risky face-to-face meetings focused on one question: What do you want?

Allawi told a small group of journalists in Baghdad that the meetings assured militants that their hopes of political freedom, new jobs and fewer foreign troops on Iraqi soil were coming soon. The notoriously tough-talking politician said he also warned the leaders they should take advantage of his amnesty program or "face justice."

Still, violence continued across the country Sunday.

An al-Sadr spokesman, Raed al-Kadhem, said negotiations with the Iraqi government are under way but would not go into details except to say that one condition of the agreement is that American forces must leave Sadr City. At least 12 Iraqis died and more than 120 were injured in clashes between militants and American troops on Saturday. Sadr supporters were among the militants Allawi met with in recent days, he said, though his main focus was on the so-called Sunni Triangle, a stronghold of Islamic extremists and Saddam Hussein loyalists north and west of the capital. The prime minister said he did not meet with supporters of suspected Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi or others linked to the al-Qaida terror network.

## After extinguishing doubts, Athens proudly douses Olympic flame

ATHENS—The Olympic flame was extinguished Sunday night, as were all worries that the 2004 Games would fall flat on their face with incomplete venues, shoddy security and gridlock. The defiant, ancient city of Athens proved to be a worthy host, deserving of the olive wreaths awarded the medalists in the 301 events. The only explosions during the 16 days were the fireworks



that opened and closed the Games.

"Dear Greek friends, you have won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the Games," said International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, who officially closed the Games and sent them on their way to Beijing for 2008.

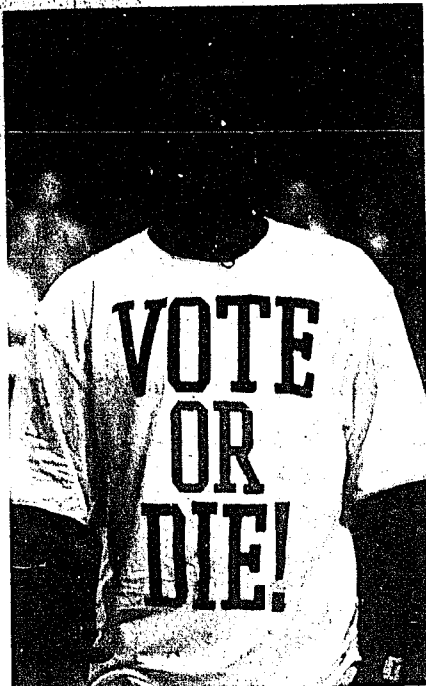
The birthplace of the Olympics bid an ebullient "andeo" (goodbye) to 10,500 athletes from a record 202 countries, 20,000 journalists, 70,000 spectators at Olympic Stadium and billions of television viewers across the globe.

Years from now, the faces that will be synonymous with these Olympics are American swimmer Michael Phelps, who won eight medals—six of them gold; the Iraqi men's soccer team, a surprise semi-finalist; Moroccan runner Hicham El Guerrouj, who won the 1,500 and the 5,000; American gymnast Paul Hamm, whose gold medal was disputed by Korea; Israeli windsurfer Gal Fridman, who won his country's first gold medal; the Argentine soccer and basketball teams, which won two gold medals in the span of 12 hours after the country hadn't won one in 52 years; and the U.S. women's gold-medal soccer, softball, and basketball teams.

## In this election, pop music and partisan politics are more intertwined than ever before.

Music has been instrumental in social protest going back at least as far as 1960s civil-rights marchers singing Pete Seeger's "We Shall Overcome." But with debate about President Bush and the war in Iraq the catalyst, it seems everyone with access to a guitar or a microphone is having a say-so.

John Kerry supporters dominate the discourse, but a handful of Bush backers are speaking out to boost voter turnout and influence the election. There's "Rock Against Bush, Vol. 1"



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY OLIVIER DOLIC/ARACA PRESS  
Hip-hop's Sean "P. Diddy" Combs tours the Democratic National Convention floor while sporting his political T-shirt of choice.

and "2," compilations featuring rockers such as Green Day, No Doubt and Sum 41 put out by the Washington organization PunkVoter.com.

While none of these initiatives is directly affiliated with the Democratic Party, most of the artists are open about their goals. "Hey, it's called Vote for Change—we're trying to change the current administration. There's no need to be coy about it," Springsteen has said.

Country and gospel acts such as Travis Tritt, Lee Ann Womack, and the Blind Boys of Alabama will perform at the Republican National Convention in New York next week, alongside celebrities Arnold Schwarzenegger and Dennis Miller.

But the impressive lineup—the Dixie Chicks, Pearl Jam, the Dave Matthews Band—for Vote for Change, which is expected to raise \$10 million, has not been met by a corresponding pro-Bush tour.



## Last day to drop

Don't forget that the last day to drop a regular session class without a "W" appearing on the transcript and to receive a refund is Friday, Sept. 3. This is also the last day to register; add classes; add dissertation, thesis, or project credit; add directed research; or change from credit to audit or audit to credit.

## School Pride Day

Friday, September 3 is school pride day. Dress in orange and blue and win prizes just for sporting school colors! Pep Rally at noon in the Quad. Join our varsity athletes, the Blue Thunder, and our very own Spirit Squad and Mane-Line Dancers for a rally guaranteed to get you ready for the big game! Get orange togas at the bookstore. Students are encouraged to wear them for the football game Saturday. Sponsored by Athletics, 426-1826.

## BSU vs Idaho Football

Saturday, Sept. 4 is the first football game at Bronco Stadium. The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Boise State Students receive one free ticket with valid student ID card at the Information Desk. All others should call 426-4737.



## Diverse group seeks a mouthful of gold

In hip hop parlance, they are called "grills" and "fronts"—a fashion statement and a state of mind where the more the merrier and the gaudier the better.

From Birmingham, Ala., to the Bay Area in California, from actor Johnny Depp, who for fun kept his multiple gold teeth for six months after filming the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean," to Damien Plato, 26, a forklift driver in Decatur, Ill., and married father of two, multiple gold teeth are popping up in the nation's mouths—to the delight



of some, the dismay of others and the confusion of many.

Once the province of moneyed rappers like Master P, C-Murder and Nelly, metallic mouths have evolved into a multi-million dollar industry.

In Montclair, Calif., Dr. Ron Cunniff, 71, a graduate of St. Louis University's Dental School and the so-called "Hip Hop Dentist" to the stars, puts in gold and diamonds for rappers and singers like Snoop Dogg and Monica and other high paying clients, starting at \$1,000 a tooth. A full set has run as high as \$30,000.

## Big stakes as many ante in online poker

Recently, the Internet and a guy aptly named Chris Moneymaker—brought new life to one of the oldest card games around.

Moneymaker qualified for the May 2003 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas—after honing his poker skills on the Internet. With only three years' experience in the game, he bested a lineup of professional players in the Las Vegas tournament, walking away with the \$2.5 million jackpot.

His win, along with the popularity of the "World Poker Tour" TV show, have sparked a boom in online poker rooms.

Within a year of Moneymaker's win in Las Vegas, the average number of tournament contestants playing poker for real money online jumped from about 1,500 per hour to more than 14,000, according to PokerPulse.com, a Vancouver company that tracks people and money at 19 leading sites around the world. The average number of paying players in non-tournament games jumped from 2,500 to more than 11,000.

That has created a dot-com phenomenon generating an estimated \$3.2 million per day for 19 leading sites, according to PokerPulse.com

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# In 31 states, freshmen must be vaccinated against meningitis

BY BOB GROVES  
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J.—For the price of a pair of sneakers, John Kach probably could have saved his fingers and legs.

Kach, a college student in Rhode Island, believes vaccination against meningitis would have kept him from contracting the bacterial illness—most likely in his dormitory—that led to the loss of his limbs four years ago. If only he had gotten that shot, which costs about \$85.

"I went to the doctor's office for a physical. They recommended getting vaccinated, but they didn't have vaccine at the office," Kach said during a recent teleconference sponsored by the federal Centers for Disease Control and the National Meningitis Association.

"I figured, meningitis, whatever ... I went to school and didn't get (immunized) there," he said. "I played basketball, had a good time. I didn't get to it. I regret it."

Every year, about 125 college students like Kach contract meningitis, and five to 15 of them die. The risk of dying is six times higher for students in dormitories, particularly freshmen, according to the American College Health Association. Up to 80 percent of those college cases are preventable with vaccine, the organization said.

In general, the vaccine is 85 percent to 100 percent effective in preventing meningitis in older children and adults.

This year, New Jersey joins 30 other states that require all fresh-

men and transfer students who plan to live in college campus housing either to be immunized against meningitis—which New Jersey's law does—or to be educated about the disease, before they start school.

New Jersey and Connecticut have the toughest college meningitis immunization state laws in the country, according to the National Meningitis Association. Rep. Robert E. Andrews, D-N.J., has sponsored a similar federal bill in Congress.

New Jersey's law will affect about 37,000 students living in dormitories at four-year colleges, said Marilyn Riley, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Senior Services. Last year, there were 29 cases of meningitis in New Jersey, including seven victims between the ages of 18 and 25 years old, Riley said. Four of the 29 patients—all men, and ranging in age from 23 to 72 years old—died.

There have been 20 cases of meningitis in New Jersey so far this year. Six people have died, including a 5-year-old girl who died in July at a day camp. Fellow campers and workers were given antibiotics as a precaution, and there were no other cases.

Meningitis is a form of meningococcal disease that inflames the membranes of the brain and spinal cord. Another form, meningococemia, infects the blood. Meningococcal disease strikes about 2,500 Americans every year, causing death in up to 15 percent of cases.

The deadly, contagious bac-

terial bug is carried in small droplets. It can be spread by a kiss, a cough, a drink, a smoke, a sneeze—especially in close quarters, such as a college dorm. Bacterial meningitis can cause brain damage, hearing loss and learning disability.

There is also a viral form of the disease, which is less severe and usually resolves without specific treatment.

College students are particularly vulnerable to the disease because "they don't eat right or sleep right and they share close quarters. That's always been a concern," said Shirley Smith, director of health services at the Madison, N.J., campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

This summer, letters like this one from Gail Pakalns, director of Seton Hall health and counseling services, were part of freshmen orientation packages at colleges in New Jersey:

"Dear Incoming Seton Hall University Student: I am writing to inform you about the new law that requires meningitis immunization for all incoming students (undergraduate and graduate) who will be living in campus housing. The New Jersey law goes into effect ... September, 2004."

Seton Hall expects that 850 of its 1,225 freshmen will live on the campus this year and therefore need to be immunized against meningitis, according to Joan Osthuus, associate director of health services. The students were told they could be vaccinated by their own doctor or at



a campus clinic for \$85, Osthuus said.

Seton Hall had a confirmed case of the disease in 1994, when a student found a friend feeling weak and feverish in his room. The ill student was taken to a hospital, where he was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. Preventive medication was given to all who might have had contact with him, and the campus was alerted about the case. The student recovered completely, and no one else became ill, according to campus health services.

John Kach, the Rhode Island college student who survived

meningitis, had a far more severe case. One day in 2000, Kach was in his dorm when he developed flu-like symptoms that included vomiting and a 104-degree temperature. When he was no better the next morning, his girlfriend took him to a hospital.

He developed red and purple blotches on his arms and back. A blood test showed he had 10 times the normal number of white cells, which fight infection. His lungs and kidneys were shutting down.

"My blood was curdling, like milk," recalled Kach, who developed gangrene in his hands and legs. Eventually, doctors had to

amputate most of his fingers and both his legs below the knee.

"It's such a rare disease, but to me it's not so rare. I've seen people suffer and die from it. A lot of people are not as lucky as I am," said Kach, who is attending college again. He now advises high school seniors to get vaccinated before they go off to school.

"The possibility of meningitis is reduced. It's one less thing to worry about," he said. "It's only \$80. It's a pair of sneakers."

## Liquidated Damages

BY DR. DECA TEUR REED  
Legal Columnist

Cheryl has been saving money for years to purchase a quarter acre of land and to build a custom home.

She found the perfect view lot and made the purchase. She contacted a local architect to create the blue prints for a home she designed. The style was to be primarily western contemporary, but with a splash of moderne noir to add character. Once the blue prints were complete, Cheryl entered into a contract with Chuck, a local custom home contractor, to build the home for \$350,000. After some negotiation, a contract was drafted which contained a clause that required the home to be completed by October 1. It was agreed that if the home was not completed by that date, Cheryl would be allowed to deduct \$250 per day from the contractual amount she owed.

Chuck's business experienced personnel problems and some materials were late in arriving, so the house was completed 10 days after the agreed upon date. Cheryl issued her final payment to Chuck, but deducted \$2,500 from the balance in accordance with the agreement. Chuck argues that he is entitled to payment in full because the deduction is essentially a penalty and Cheryl has not proven that she sustained any damage from the delay.

Parties to a contract may include any term or condition they choose, limited only by the law, public policy, and unconscionability. It is not uncommon for

parties to agree in advance to a clause in a contract that provides for an automatic award of damages to be paid in the event of a breach of contract. Such damages are known as "liquidated," that is, damages that are stated, fixed, and undisputed.

The common law provides for the enforcement of a liquidated damage clause in contracts, subject to significant limitations. At the time the provision was adopted, the damage amount must be a reasonable estimation of the damages that would be incurred upon breach and the actual amount of any loss is incapable of precise estimation. Since this estimation is done in advance of the contract being executed, the parties must make a good faith attempt at reasonably forecasting the amount of the loss that may result from a breach. The stated damage amount need not be the exact amount of loss actually incurred, but must bear a reasonable relationship to the amount of probable loss. The damage amount must not act as a penalty against the breaching party, that is, an amount designed to deter breach or to punish upon breach.

If the liquidated damage amount is deemed to be a penalty, then the courts will not enforce it. The central objective of contract remedies is to compensate an injured party, not to punish a breaching one. However, the non-breaching party is still entitled to seek any of the ordinary remedies for breach of contract.

Even if the parties acted in good faith in agreeing upon an estimation of damages upon breach, the courts may invalidate


the clause if the amount greatly exceeds the actual damages likely to be inflicted by a minor breach. The public policy reason for not enforcing such a clause is based on unconscionability. Again, the non-breaching party is still entitled to seek any of the ordinary remedies for breach of contract. In addition to invalidating a clause, courts have the authority to refuse to enforce the entire contract if the court finds a clause to be unconscionable at the time it was made, or to limit the application of the clause to avoid an unconscionable result.

When a liquidated damage clause is included in a contract, the non-breaching party is not required to prove that damage was actually incurred. The injured party only needs to show that the stated damage amount was the parties' reasonable estimation of damages, at the time of contracting, in the event of a breach. Requiring the injured party to prove damages would contravene the time and expense saving purposes of the clause itself.

As long as Cheryl and Chuck had a valid contract and the liquidated damages clause does not operate as a penalty against Cheryl, the clause is enforceable without Cheryl being required to prove that the delay resulted in any damage.

Submit your legal questions to  
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## The 'God gap' in politics

BY JANE EISNER  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

So the received wisdom this election cycle says that Republicans believe in God and regularly go to church, while Democrats don't do either. And this is just one values clash that is redefining American politics and (so we're told) dividing the nation into faith haves and have-nots. This "God gap" could be more significant than the gender gap in determining November's outcome, so we're told.

My response is borrowed from those lovely warning signs posted on the London underground: Mind the Gap.

Let's try to avoid tying a complicated electorate into a tidy, predictable package. Despite their differences on specific issues, Americans make a remarkably consistent distinction between individual faith and institutional entanglement in politics.

Let's also avoid associating religion with only one set of values, to the exclusion of others. Some notions, such as the "sanctity of life," can be used in more than one direction—to defend a stand against abortion, or against the death penalty, or against preemptive war.

"There is a distinction between Americans' views on 'religion in politics' and Americans' views on 'churches in politics,'" says LuisLugo, director of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, which released results of a new poll on Tuesday. It found widespread comfort with politicians who talk about their religious beliefs and who rely on religion in making decisions. Seventy-two percent of voters say it is important to them that a president have strong religious beliefs.

This is not new, but it is ecumenical. Ronald Reagan was considered a good Christian, even if his Christianity was vaguely generic. Sen. Joseph Lieberman was an acceptable vice presidential candidate, even though his Orthodox Judaism is as far from Bible Belt Christianity as Brooklyn is from Kansas.

It's almost as if the details don't matter as long as the religious beliefs fit easily into mainstream Judeo-Christian expectations. Faith, then, becomes a proxy for other characteristics Americans want in a leader: morality, consistency, humility.

Individual belief is one thing; institutional activism quite another. The Pew survey found widespread dislike of religious leaders who dip into electoral politics, regardless of party.

So the public (69 percent) is not happy that the Republican National Committee has sought directories from certain churches to mobilize their parishioners. And the public (64 percent) is not happy with leaders of the Catholic Church who would deny communion to politicians who support abortion rights and stem-cell research.

At work here is the traditional American distrust of institutions, especially institutions of faith. We don't like self-appointed prophets telling us how to vote, be they white evangelicals or black preachers; 65 percent opposed churches endorsing political candidates.

More important, these trends are an expression of the strength of the American faith tradition, which treasures the free exercise of religion but rejects the establishment of any one church, synagogue or mosque. American religion has thrived in part because of the freedom to start a new church if the old one won't do any more. Decentralization is our saving grace.

This is why I believe attempts to equate "faith" with only one set of religious values will eventually be self-defeating. It is institutionalization under another name. Besides, some of the issues in which faith and politics collide—such as views on embryonic stem-cell research—are still evolving. That could be why we see shifting views in the Pew poll, with those in favor of such research growing from 43 percent in March 2002 to 52 percent this month.

Between worship on Sundays (or Saturdays, or Fridays) and voting on Tuesdays, there is at least a day for personal reflection. Mind the gap.

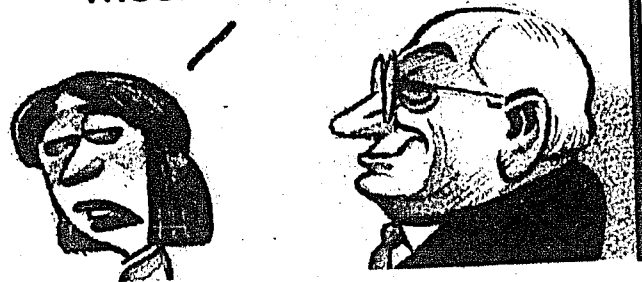
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## Who is really to blame for illegal immigration?

BY ESTHER TOLSON  
Columnist

I was listening to "Idaho Talks Live" the other day when I was struck by a comment I hear all too often. "They come up here and take these jobs for five dollars an hour that should be going to (Americans)." Well, we all know who "they" are—illegal immigrants from Mexico or "the unarmed enemy invading our country" as Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez so kindly refers to our neighbors to the south. I find this comment bothersome, not because I think the current immigration situation is just "hunky dory", but because the blame for its ills are so grossly misplaced.

The average minimum wage in this country is laughable, currently \$5.15 an hour in Idaho, and illegal immigration drives unskilled labor wages below even that. Americans are told that their country is working hard to combat this problem, but no matter how much they increase border patrol, revoke driver's licenses, or refuse basic healthcare to them, immigrants are so determined to steal your kid's job they just can't be stopped. Wrong.

The population of illegal U.S. immigrants (from all over the world) is currently estimated at 10 million. Arguably the plight of the Mexican immigrant and family improves greatly in America, but let's not fool ourselves. Waiting until nightfall to sneak across the border in the hopes that you will make it across the desert alive just to go to work in a meatpacking plant in Idaho certainly cannot be likened to hitting the jackpot. It is morally reprehensible to place the greatest responsibility for this problem on the actor with the least amount of choice. So who really is to blame?

Illegal immigration could be stopped at any time. Rep. Silvestre Reyes of Texas, a twenty-six year veteran of the border patrol, commented on the issue of curbing illegal immigration during a debate on PBS's News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

"We can show statistically that the employer sanctions was an effective tool," remarked Reyes. "The problem was that Congress never followed through in giving INS the resources to enforce employer sanctions in the interior of the United States."

Reyes has had enough experience to know what should be obvious to even the simplest mind. Wave a handful of money at a desperate person, and it doesn't matter how many fences you build.

The illegal immigration problem as we know it could end today if employers were properly deterred from hiring illegal workers. But this seems to be the only measure of prevention we have not taken seriously. Even the high-profile cases have been a sick joke. A jury recently acquitted Tyson Foods and other multi-million dollar corporations with mere six figure fines. If we were serious about stopping the importation of cheap labor, someone would be doing some jail time, and his collar would be white, not blue.

If we found an effective tool, what on earth would prevent us from utilizing it? Who is benefiting from illegal immigration? Employers, that's who. Every great civilization was built on the backs of an oppressed minority, and ours is no different. The days of slavery may be over, but it didn't take long for businesses to find the next best thing. These are people who hire the cheapest labor without consideration for their humanity, only their own bottom line.

Let us at least lay blame where it is deserved.

## Digital Piracy: House bill would weaken copyright law

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

In the days of cassette tapes, the recording industry simply didn't expend many resources to track down high school students who made copies of a popular song for their friends.

Technology, however, has made piracy exceedingly easy, and that's why the motion picture and music recording industries are so incensed by a bill pending in a U.S. House committee. The bill would legalize the limited, noncommercial reproduction of copyright material from CDs and DVDs.

Congressional backers Rep. Rick Boucher, a Virginia Democrat, and Rep. John Doolittle, a California Republican, contend the bill balances the strict protections of copyright law with consumer rights.

Instead of buying a second copy of a favorite movie, customers could legally circumvent "anti-copying" technologies to make a copy for their own personal use. The congressmen insist the bill doesn't weaken copyright protections because existing copyright law allows the limited noncommercial,

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personal use of certain material without liability.

But as the movie and music recording industries point out, this is a very slippery slope. While it might be convenient for someone to make a second copy

of "Spider-Man 2" for a friend, technology and the proposed change in copyright law would make it far more difficult to police illegal copies. Movie companies and artists have a right to reap the benefits of their creative labors, and this proposed change amounts to legally sanctioned mass piracy.

And there are other impacts. The bill would undermine the incentive for other nations to protect intellectual property

rights of U.S. companies. It's hard to argue for strong property rights protection overseas when those same rights aren't protected in the United States.

There always will be tension between new technologies and the rights of individuals to use copyright materials. But the rights of individuals to use copyright material must be moderated with common sense and fairness.

This measure tilts too far the wrong way and should be scrapped. It's not a win for consumers; it's a road map for piracy.

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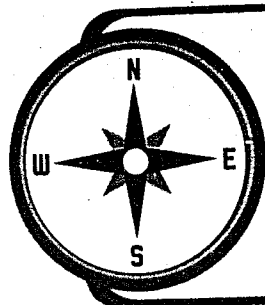
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## Hero delivers visually stunning story

ERIC RUSSELL  
Culture Writer

America swooned at the artful martial art scenes in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* four years ago, but Yamou Zhang's visual masterpiece, *Hero*, leaves *Crouching Tiger* hidden in the dust.

In a broken China of ages past, the King of Qin (Daoming Chen) has been continually under threat of three would-be assassins because he seeks to unify the country. *Hero* soon introduces us to the nameless hero (Jet Li) who has done away with each of these assassins and is now reciting his tale to the king. Much like *Kill Bill*, *Hero's* story consists largely of individual episodes where the nameless hero tracks down and battles each of the threats of the king.

But also, as in *Kill Bill*, the story takes a back seat to the spectacularly shot action sequences. The whole of *Hero* is constructed to allow for multiple sword fights, and each is more elegantly filmed than the last. *Hero* combines the flighty grace of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, the fluid camerawork of *The Matrix* and the fervent flair of *Kill Bill* to create a series of duals that surpasses any of the aforementioned classics in terms of visual magnificence.

Each scene is distinct in its setting and color scheme. Highlights of the sword fights include a dark fight in rainfall, a blistering red scene among falling leaves, a palace fight in ribbons

of green, and a scene atop the waters of a deep blue lake. As in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, the regular laws of physics do not apply. This is a legend. These warriors can fly through the air, bounce off the water, and repel a thousand arrows with a single sword. Breaking such



Jet Li

KIT CHAPUS PHOTO

natural laws can easily become onerous (as it eventually becomes in the *Matrix* trilogy), but *Hero* keeps the approach fresh and magical.

Beyond the stream of beautiful sword bouts is a sincere suggestion that the greatest fight is the one that never occurs in the first place. *Hero* is one of the few action films that actually succeeds at making a case for peace. Even more amazing is it has the maturity to acknowledge that sometimes war is a necessary means for the creation of peace. But while war may be necessary at times, the film recognizes the laying down of the sword as the greatest form

**It is certainly an art flick, but the constant action scenes and lush art direction are such that anyone will be able to thoroughly enjoy every moment.**

see it twice to make sure you don't miss a second of the visual bliss. As its title suggests, *Hero* is a legend that lives in the hearts and minds of those who pass it on - and it's one that will stay in your heart and mind long after you have left the theater.

## Boise artists show their stuff every First Thursday

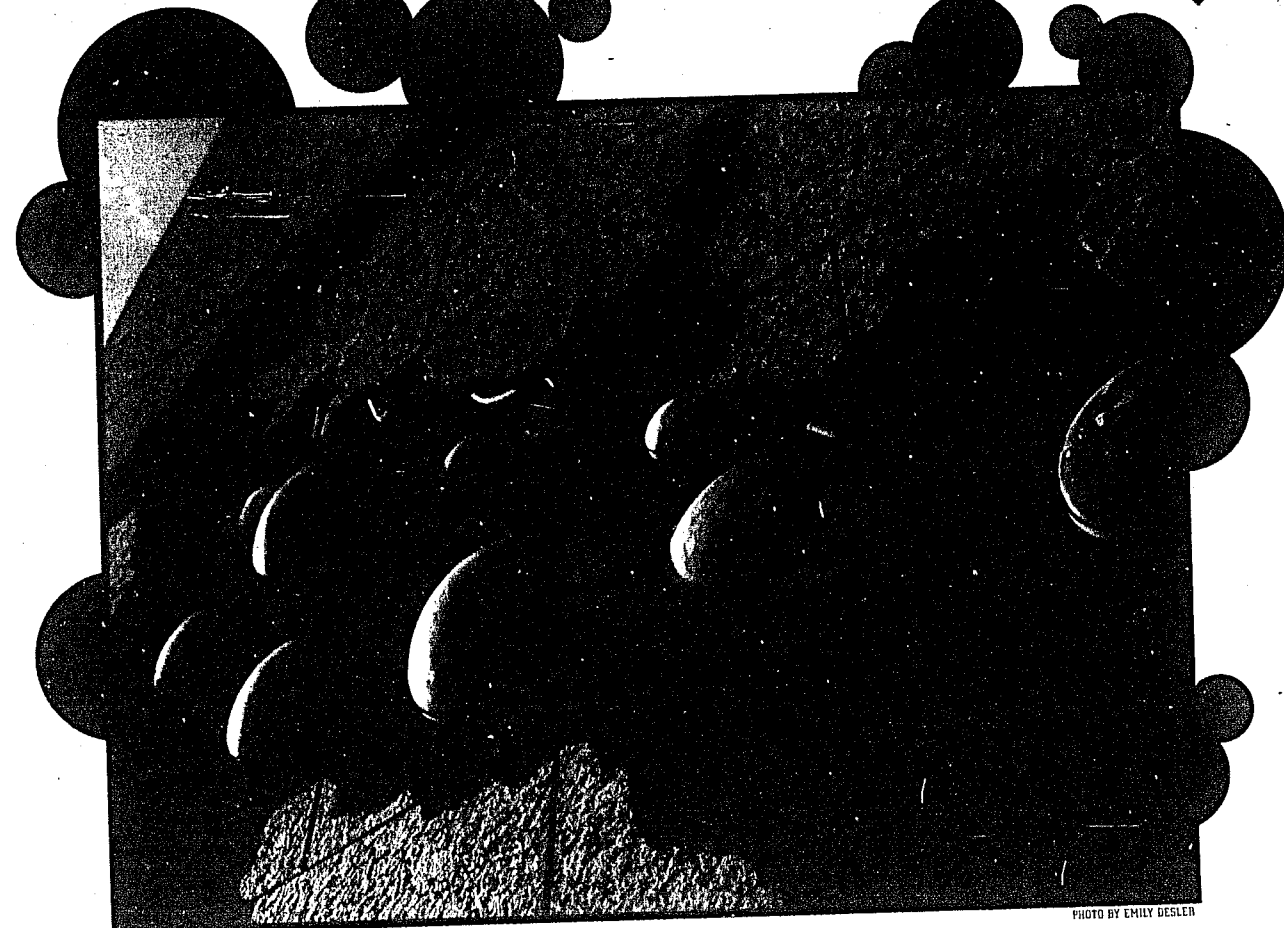


PHOTO BY EMILY DESLER

JANA HOFFMAN  
Culture Writer

Every month contains Thursdays. They are just another line in the ode to the monotony of our lives. Big deal. A special Thursday out of the month does exist, and it spices things up a bit for those of us that can muster enough "Carpe Diem" to get off our sofas and into the downtown scene. First Thursday's mission is to get you and me out of our houses and into some art.

Make your way downtown, after five o'clock when all the galleries and shops should be closed. Then get real happy because you will find everything open until as late as 9

p.m.

Don't know where to go? The Downtown Boise Association created a wordy map that will carry you through your evening in a descriptive and orderly fashion. You can find it on their Web site [www.downtownboise.org](http://www.downtownboise.org), or at any participating venue. It highlights houses of art and other places where art is displayed all the time, in various forms. You can also find places that deserve more foot traffic. These are the highlighted stops of First Thursday, and they are known as the Gallery Stroll. Various merchants have joined the tipping of their hats to art in Boise. They too keep doors open

later and often have some sort of discount running for the evening. The Boise Art Museum has great activities going on all night every First Thursday. In fact, you can catch a trolley that will take you from the museum to the heart of downtown. The best part is that it is all free.

The First Thursday concept did not begin in Boise. It is a part of urban life all over the country, and has been for the last thirty years. Boise picked up on it in the mid-eighties with what was exclusively the Gallery Stroll where only galleries stayed open late. Slowly, it evolved into its unique present state. It is unique because in other cities, non-art merchants

don't participate. Boise has something good going on.

Now to address some clamor. Certainly there is an inordinate amount of "there is nothing to do in Boise" going around. "Bah," I say in return. Not true, fair friends. How great it is that Downtown Boise is open a bit later one day out of the month, making it more convenient for us busy folk to discover all the fun we have yet to experience. Let us lay down the griping of yesterday and pick up some adventurous action this First Thursday of the school year, Sept. 2, 2004. No time is better than now. Carpe diem.

## 'Snipes' allow networks to promote while shows are in progress

BY MARK CARO  
Chicago Tribune

Oliver Stone's "The Doors" is reaching a fever-dream climax, with Jim Morrison/Val Kilmer about to screech what he wants to do to his mother amid the ominous throb of "The End," when the bottom third of the screen explodes in a lime-green flash.

Talk about your bad trips: It's an on-screen promo for "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

OK, so maybe that's what you get for watching "The Doors" on Bravo in the first place. Bravo used to skim the cream of the art-film coffee, but that was before the network added commercials and got bought by NBC.

Now it's home to "Celebrity Poker," "West Wing" reruns, "Queer Eye" and "Inside the Actor's Studio with the Latest

Shilling Star." And its intent is to remind you of this fact even while you're watching a movie.

The device - the visual equivalent of playing the "I'm lovin' it!" jingle over a radio hit - is called a "snipe" and it's far from unique to Bravo. If you watched the Olympics, you regularly were assaulted by these distracting promos popping onto the screen to inform you that, say, in 29 minutes you'd get to watch Brian Brianson compete in the 200-meter double-relay potpourri medley.

The other broadcast and cable networks use them, too, most often to tell you what show you're watching (oh, so this is "Trading Spouses") or to plug upcoming programs. Vivi Zigler, NBC senior vice president for advertising services, said the practice predates TiVo, which allows viewers to skip traditional ads.

"Most television stations did that originally to inform viewers who have Nielsen diaries," Zigler said. "Our evidence still shows that people really appreciate it, especially when it informs you what's coming up next."

Viewers, of course, have a high tolerance for annoyance because we're so rarely offered the alternative. We've been conditioned to accept those network-identifying "bugs" (a k a logos) that occupy a corner of the screen with ever-increasing prominence.

We can't watch any cable news or sports network without having to process those incessant, repetitive text crawls. Now the rest of the screen is up for sale as well.

Sports producers are mastering the art of electronically inserting ads onto playing fields as well as the screen. And prod-

uct placement in movies and TV shows continues to grow more prominent.

"There's a certain rudeness in the way media is developing in that there used to be a pause for a word from the sponsor," said Jim Naureckas, editor of Extra, the magazine of the national media watch group Fair's magazine, Extra FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting). "Now the interruption is more of the mode. Having the ad break into the programming to get between you and what you're trying to watch is perhaps a more effective way of getting your attention, but it's also a more antagonistic strategy because it's trying to stop you from looking at what you're trying to look at."

But Zigler, who until recently worked at Bravo, said no one's complaining about the snipes. "Typically we don't interrupt

the scene and do something invasive," she explained.

The Directors Guild of America, which is about to begin its typically usually thorny contract negotiations with Hollywood's studios and producers, had no comment on whether snipes compromise a film's integrity. Then again, given that the current guild contract already allows networks to crop, edit and interrupt its movies, the group probably has little room to complain.

Stone, busy in post-production on "Alexander," also declined comment through a spokesman. But director Neil LaBute ("In the Company of Men") was happy to let 'er rip.

"I think it's pretty horrible, like putting a Burger King crown on Michaelangelo's David - about that subtle and about that enticing," he said.

So far the snipes have focused on promoting programming rather than outside sponsors, but can't you feel that slope getting slippery? "Can I see a time in which (sponsors) would ask for that?" Zigler said. "Yes. But I have a hard time picturing that (NBC Entertainment President) Jeff Zucker would do something like that over our product - that's an example of our management having respect for our viewers."

Hokay. But I'm envisioning a day when a movie airs on TV, and messages will pop up telling viewers where to buy the soundtrack, the featured car, the star's clothes and, just for kicks, the latest sexual-enhancement medication.

And no one will complain. If anyone is still watching.

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## So, anyway...

You only think you know what sacrifice means

TRAVIS ESTVOLD  
Culture Columnist

I would like to take a moment and talk to my readers about something. What is it? Great question. It's sacrifice. Yes, this is a very important concept, and everybody should spend some time reflecting on it.

Some people say the past is important, so take a look at the history of the word. Let's define the term and then break it into its separate root pieces:

**SACRIFICE** - "Middle English, from Old French, from Latin sacrificium; an act of offering to a deity something precious; especially the killing of a victim on an altar."

**(SAC)** - "French, literally, bag, from Latin saccus; a pouch within an animal or plant often containing a fluid."

**(RIF)** - "Usage: geographical name; mountain range N Morocco on the Mediterranean."

**(ICE)** - "Middle English is, from Old English Is; frozen water."

The question can now be posed. What does this mean? Well...okay, you got me there, but aren't you glad we at least know where the word comes from? Don't look at my column like that! I thought college kids were supposed to actually like learning.

What I am really striving for in the dialogue we are having is for you to know what sacrifice means to me. I think sacrifice can and should be the center-

piece of every human's moral metamucil. And I use the term metamucil here because, obviously, not everyone gets enough fiber the natural way.

In its most basic sense, the term means giving something up. The nice part of sacrifice is it doesn't require you to give up something you actually wanted in the first place.

In my book, sacrifice is more like a trade than a gift. For instance, when I skipped my homework to go to a party last week, that was true sacrifice. When I turned off my phone to take a nap on Saturday afternoon, I was sacrificing then too. I was completely and unselfishly giving up the opportunity to hear my friends tell me pointless stories in order to make up for missed sleep. Sacrifices like that are what give me the warm and fuzzy all over.

What I'm trying to get at here is that everybody gives up something everyday. You just have to make what you get in return better than what you gave up. Just like in the study of economics: go for utility. Do whatever makes you most happy.

So, anyway, I bet my point got muddled somewhere in the middle again. I'll just try to finish strong. Sacrifice is a good thing. Don't just take it from me. Take it from Misters George and Charles Merriam and Mister Noah Webster. Sacrifice is more than giving up stuff. It's more than ritual killing. It's a wet, frozen bag that's at the very center of who you are.

"Sacrificial animals think quite differently from those who look on: but they have never been allowed to have their say."

-Friedrich Nietzsche



## Aqua Teen Hunger Force: Number one in the hood G.

DAN MCNEESE  
Culture Writer

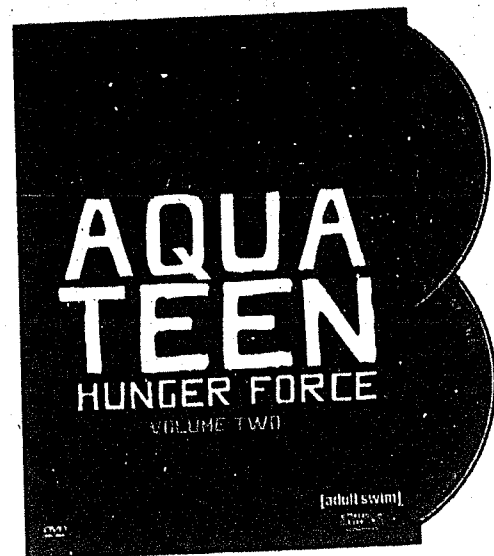
New on DVD this fall is the second volume of the Cartoon Network all stars "Aqua Teen Hunger Force". For those of you unfamiliar with the Cartoon Network or its late night show-case "Adult Swim", "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" is the absurdly comical cartoon wedged between episodes of Space Ghost Coast to Coast and The Family Guy. Now all thirteen episodes of the second season are on a two-disc set.

To get a better idea of why this is a worthwhile purchase, one must know what the show entails. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" is about a giant conceded milkshake (Master Shake), a hovering box of French fries (Frylock) and a loveable wad of meat (Meat Wad). Together they, sort of, solve mysteries. With their neighbor Carl (Who has a pool) they don't get into crazy predicaments so much as they do insanely odd arguments. Living somewhere in New Jersey, they thrive off sar-

casm and back talk. Sound stupid? It is, but the stupidity is so off the wall that it borderlines genius.

The humor of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" is as random as "The Family Guy" but is as demented as Johnny the Homicidal Maniac. Since it's animated like a children's cartoon, the lead characters Master Shake, Frylock and Meat Wad come across with a loveable charismatic quality that the South Park kids do. Because they're teenaged and a bit more self-centered, they don't produce the same youthful idealism and the result is an underground humor. In fact, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" has become a huge cult smash just like the show that started the series off, "Space Ghost Coast to Coast."

Little explanation as to how these morbid food oddities came about being roommates, but the producers don't seem to care much about a preceding story line. Little ever happens plot wise in each ten-minute



episode. A supposed arch-enemy, Dr. Wired, is conspiring with his assistant "Steve" at the beginning of each episode, but the two have nothing to do with the "Aqua Teen Hunger Force". This is one more bizarre occurrence in the show. Its humor is original and a type of humor you have to see to understand.

With each DVD, the second volume of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" has out-takes and special features. Included are director commentaries and the alleged pilot which was really the fore mentioned "Space Ghost" episode along with a music video that has nothing to do with anything.

## The Truth About Drug Companies:

How They Deceive Us And What We Can Do About It, by Dr. Marcia Angell (Random House 305 pps., \$24.95)

REVIEWED BY WILLIAM HATHAWAY  
The Hartford Courant

Pharmaceutical companies will need a new miracle pain reliever after the whipping they receive from Dr. Marcia Angell in her book "The Truth About Drug Companies: How They Deceive Us and What We Can Do About It." Angell's relentless, take-no-prisoners indictment of the industry could not come at a worse time for "big pharma." The companies are trying to fend off profit-busting political movements that would allow the importation of cheaper Canadian drugs and authorize state and federal governments

to negotiate wholesale prices for Medicare and Medicaid drugs.

The core of the book slams the drug companies' central argument in current policy debates -- that high drug prices are necessary to support research and development of innovative new treatments.

Furthermore, she writes, drug companies owe their exorbitant profits to favorable tax breaks and regulatory decisions, and they control almost every aspect of the drug approval process. The industry also faces little scrutiny from a compliant U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Congress and White House -- all are beneficiaries of industry largesse.

Drug companies do have huge expenses, Angell says. They spend tens of billions of dollars on what are essentially kickbacks to doctors for prescribing their drugs, as well as supporting hundreds of lobbyists who protect their interests in Washington, D.C., and lawyers who work to extend patent rights that keep drug prices high. Consumers, she said, pick up the costs.

Ouch.

Angell's reform list is politically unpalatable, but it serves as a starting point for serious discussion. She strongly urges that drugs be awarded patents only if they are proved to be better than existing therapies -- not just better than placebos, which is the current benchmark. There might be other ways to spur innovation, rather than simply to cut off marginal improvements in drug development. Angell argues that the average cost of developing most drugs on the market is closer to \$100 million than industry estimates of \$800 million.

She does concede that truly innovative drugs are very expensive to produce -- perhaps \$400 million a year or more by her own estimate. So-called "me too" drugs do help industries keep the bottom line in the black. So perhaps the government can preserve the most favorable patent and pricing protection for drug companies that truly fill unmet medical needs. Patients desperately need truly innovative drugs, such as the cancer-fighting breakthrough

Gleevac. But does the world really need a seventh or eighth cholesterol-lowering statin?

Some steps would not have huge economic consequences. There is compelling evidence that the work of academic researchers who accept drug company dollars tend to favor drug company products. But industry cash has leveraged taxpayer-funded research and, in turn, increased the odds of truly innovative biomedical research having a favorable impact for consumers. Scientists -- and journal editors like Angell -- should continue making voluntary steps in rooting out bias in research they review and publish.

After reading this book, there still will be arguments among readers on the best path to take. But there will be few Bush, Kerry or Nader supporters who advocate the status quo in how we regulate the pharmaceutical industry. Angell raises important issues that should be addressed by presidential candidates.

## College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart



College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good  $(9-\sqrt{3})$  percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds. "I loved her like

a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or

*"I loved her like a quadratic formula..."*

wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

## Iron Deficient Anemia

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## DECISION 2004 WHO'S IT GONNA BE?

Broncos prepare for the Vandals with sealed lips

BY TREVOR HOAN  
Sports Writer

The 2004 Boise State football season gets under way Saturday at Bronco Stadium with one mammoth question looming on everyone's mind. Who will be the starting quarterback?

Boise State Head Coach Dan Hawkins has made his decision. Whether it's fifth-year senior Mike Sanford or sophomore Jared Zabransky, he is not saying. So fans and media will have to wait until Saturday's 6:07 p.m. kickoff versus in-state rival Idaho to learn who will succeed Ryan Dinwiddie.

He has informed the players who will be the starter, but is keeping the announcement quiet to seemingly keep the players from having to deal with the added pressure.

"I don't want those guys to have to deal with 10 questions daily regarding this," Hawkins said.

Fans can expect to see one or the other taking all the snaps. Hawkins will not have the two switching off series, or rotating during the game.

"We are a one quarterback system," Hawkins said. "You have to pick a guy and go with it."

There is no bad blood between the two quarterbacks, but the anticipation may be the leading factor for some restless nights.

"I just have to worry about myself and get ready for the game, and prepare like I'm the starter," Sanford said. "And regardless of the way it turns out on who's going to be the starter, I've got to be ready to play because anything could happen."

The Broncos will head out on the blue turf for the first time this season in uncharted territory, in terms of pre-season recognition. The Broncos are ranked just two spots out of the top-25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and the received the pre-season nod for the Western Athletic Conference championship.

The Vandals will travel down to Bronco Stadium for the last time as a non-conference opponent. Idaho will join the WAC in July of next year. The two haven't played in a conference game since Boise State left the Big West Conference after the 2000 season.

There is still a question mark at another key position for the Broncos. There's a logjam at running back.

Junior Jeff Carpenter seems to be the top candidate for the job, but Lee Marks and Quinton Jones will hard press him, and there may not be one guy who carries the ball more than 10 times Saturday.

"I think all of those guys can contribute in their own way," Hawkins said. "I think there's four or five guys who can really contribute."

Two others that may see some playing time in specific down situations are junior Antwaun Carter, along with Eagle High School product and redshirt freshman Jon Helmandollar.

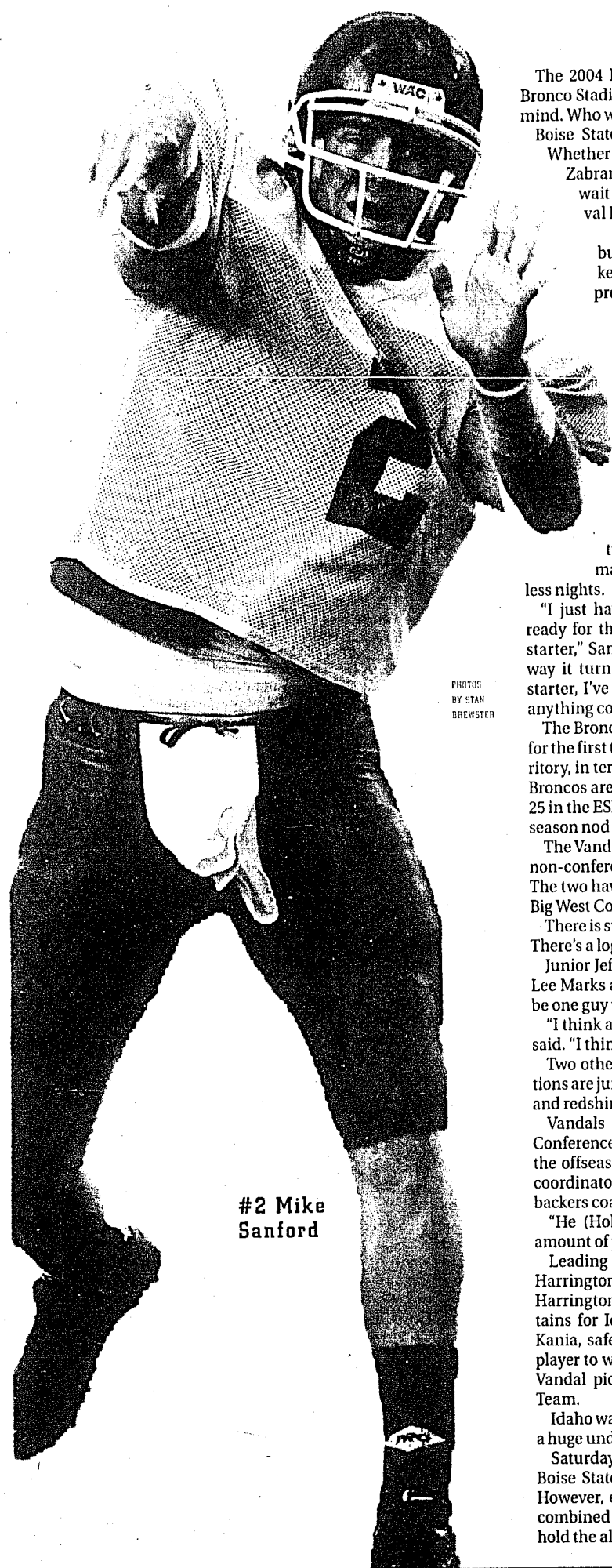
Vandals are coming off a disappointing season in the Sun Belt Conference, 3-9 overall (3-4 SBC). But there is a glimmer of hope with the offseason arrival of Head Coach Nick Holt. The former defensive coordinator for the Vandals spent the last three seasons as the line-backers coach at USC.

"He (Holt) has a tremendous amount of fire and a tremendous amount of passion," Hawkins said.

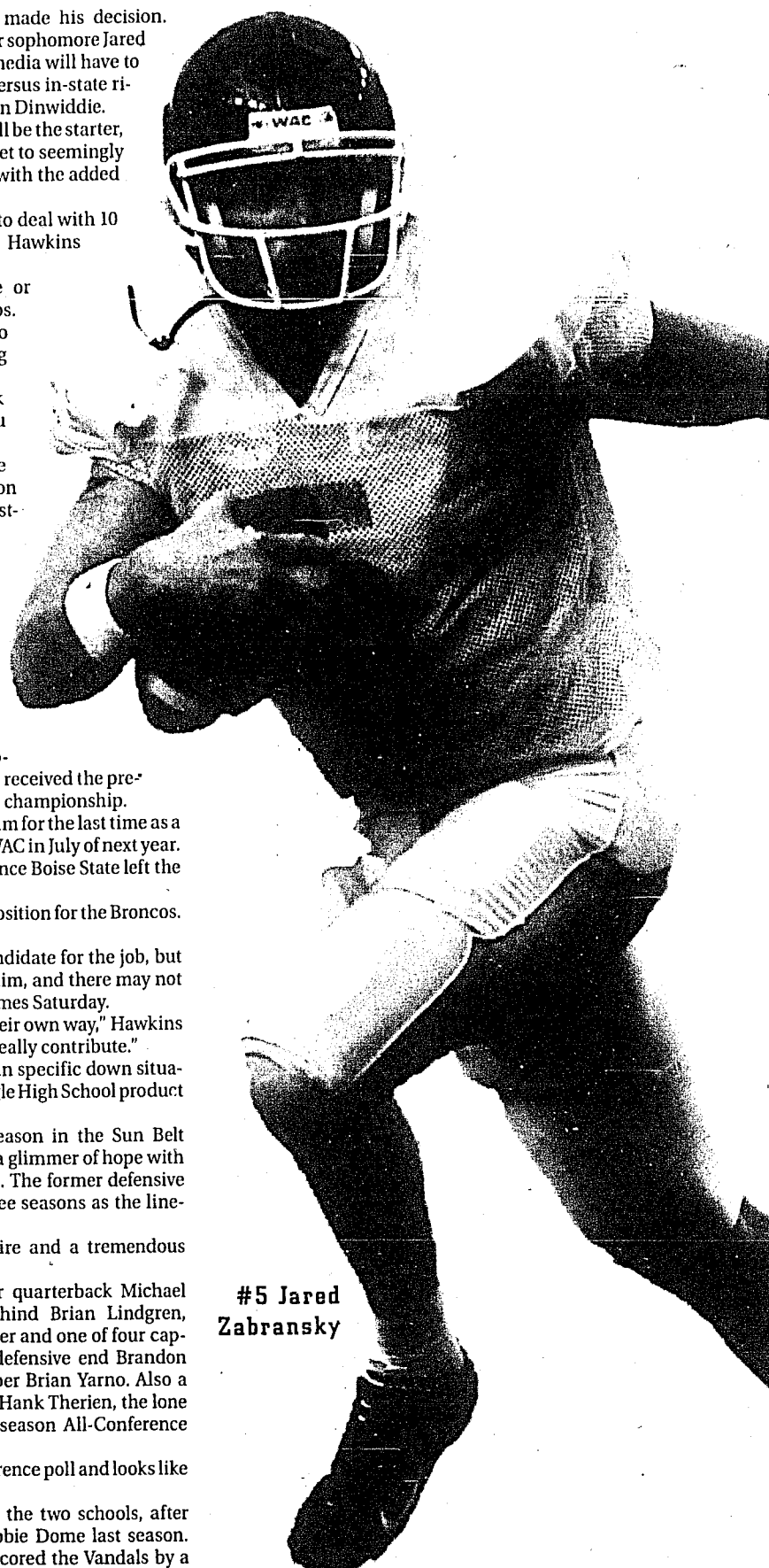
Leading the way for the Vandals is junior quarterback Michael Harrington. After spending last season behind Brian Lindgren, Harrington will be the number one signal caller and one of four captains for Idaho. The other three are senior defensive end Brandon Kania, safety Simeon Stewart and long snapper Brian Yarno. Also a player to watch is sophomore offensive tackle Hank Therien, the lone Vandal picked on the Sun Belt Football Preseason All-Conference Team.

Idaho was picked last in the preseason conference poll and looks like a huge underdog against the Broncos.

Saturday will be the 34th meeting between the two schools, after Boise State edged out Idaho 24-10 at the Kibbie Dome last season. However, even though the Broncos have outscored the Vandals by a combined score of 207-82 over the last five seasons, the Vandals still hold the all-time record at 17-16-1.



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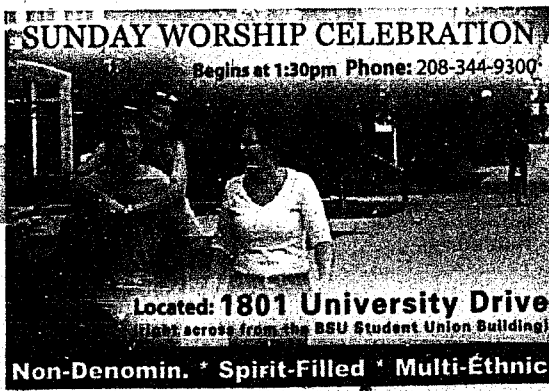
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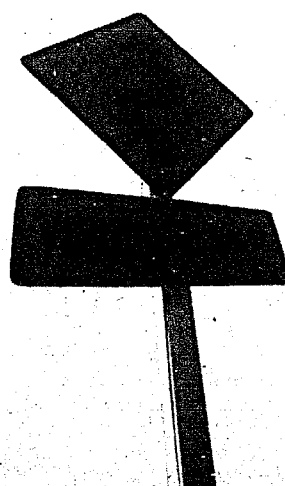
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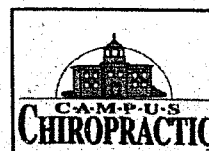


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## Milligan brings her determination to the game

BY JAMES BAKER  
Sports Writer

With a glitter in her eyes that's impossible to miss and a sense of intensity that's quite visibly waiting to burst out, it is easy to tell just how much BreeAnn Milligan loves the game of soccer.

Going into her third year on the team, and second as co-captain, Milligan is primed and ready to lead her fellow lady Broncos into a successful season, leaving the competition in the dust.

"I've always loved playing," said Milligan, who has been playing soccer since she was six years old. She grew up in the windy city of Idaho Falls, and loved playing all different sports. She decided however that soccer would be her best bet because of her small height (5 feet 2 inches), and she stuck with that for the rest of her career.

Milligan, who toggles between center, mid, and forward, started her college days at Seattle Pacific for her freshman year. She then transferred to BSU as a sophomore, where she ended up playing with her older sister for the season. In her first year as a Bronco, she put up very impressive numbers including a

team high six goals, five assists, along with receiving the Golden Boot Award for being the top point scorer on the team with 17. Milligan was also named a WAC All-Academic team honoree.

As a junior, she was once again named to the WAC All-Academic team, and finished the season ranking in BSU's all-time top ten lists for career goals, points, and assists.

"I'm a very competitive person," she said, and with her list of stats, it's very easy to tell.

This season is underway, and things are looking good thus far for the team compared to last year, according to Milligan.

"It's a lot easier to start the season well and build your confidence," she said.

While Milligan strives to perform well on the field, she achieves academic success off the field as well. She plans on graduating in the spring, and is currently earning 17 credits for the Fall Semester alone, as well as working part-time as a nanny for three kids. She explained that keeping a timed schedule keeps her focused and on track. With a soon-to-be degree in Psychology, she hopes to attend grad school, and maybe someday be a school psychologist and soccer coach.

"I'm excited to move into a

different chapter in my life," she said.

So what keeps this athlete's love for the game sharp? "It's an outlet from everything else. I love that it is a team sport. A team is made up of all different players, and you have to learn how to play together on the field. You learn a lot about people, and yourself," she said.

Milligan also explained that she loves the building of relationships with her teammates, as well the self-improvement that comes with it.

"It's really helped formed my character working through all the trials with the team, coach, and myself," she added.

The lady Broncos kicked off the 2004 season last weekend with victories over both Utah State and Portland State. The team now owns a 2-0 record, and goalie Kim Parker was named WAC Defensive player of the Week for her efforts over the weekend.

The big games for the team this season will be against Idaho State, Hawaii, SMU, and of course, U of I. This weekend, Milligan and company will match up against Gonzaga and Eastern Washington, and next week they will participate in the Nike Classic in Boise on Sept. 10 through Sept. 12.

## Club hockey shoots for recognition

BY AMBER FUGER  
Sports Writer

The BSU club hockey team will be playing out the 2004-2005 season as a member of the Rocky Mountain West conference in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The Broncos have recently joined division two of the ACHA. There are 400 teams in the ACHA, and Bronco club hockey team president and assistant team captain Robert Glover is optimistic that the recent acceptance into the ACHA will help his hockey team get more recognition on the local and national level.

Last season the Broncos had an overall record of 8-6-2. All home games were played at Ice World and audience support was glum. This season, the Broncos look forward to playing home games in the Bank of America Center. The Broncos will take the ice after Idaho Steelheads.

The main goal for the Broncos remains focused on improving their overall record. The first night of tryouts was last night but tonight is a clean slate. Anyone interested in trying out can still come and show their skill on ice despite missing the first night. The tryout will be held at Ice World at 9:45 tonight.

There are an estimated 12 open spots. Along with skill coaches, assistant coaches, and team captains will be looking for dedication and good character.

"We represent BSU and we do so with a lot of pride," said Glover.

The Broncos have a whole new game plan for the '04-'05 campaign that includes dedication from every player, hard work, and a more team oriented philosophy.

The Broncos will hold their first ice practice Monday, Sept. 6 at Ice World. DW Cook was chosen to be the team captain based on his hard work and dedication. Cook was named the team's Best Defensive Player for 2003-2004.

Jesse Ellis was voted the teams Most Inspirational Player last season. According to Glover, Ellis played hard all the time and was never afraid to play the corners.

"Ellis is the type of hockey

player who gives 110% every time he's on the ice," said Glover.

TJ Stanton was the MVP last season and will be returning this year as an assistant captain.

"Stanton has great team skill and is an all around competitive player," Glover said. Stanton noted the room for improvement lies in a focus on better team play.

The next month will consist of many late night practices that are promised to work the team until their legs feel detached from their body. All the hard work will be put into play at the season opener in October when the Broncos host Walla Walla at the Bank of America Centre. The date is tentatively set for October 9, and the time is to be announced.

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